

## DENALI COMMISSION

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## RESOLUTION NO. 03 - 17 AIRPORT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, many of Alaska's rural communities are dependent on air transportation for inter-community and intrastate for movement of goods and people in support of commerce, community health, and other purposes, and

WHEREAS, communities are interested in taking responsibility for operation and maintenance of their own airports for a minimum of 20 years, and

WHEREAS, the FAA funds Airport Improvement Projects in these communities with 93.75% of the project cost, and require a 6.25% sponsor match, and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to assist the smaller airport sponsor communities with half of the match, or 3.125%, and

WHEREAS, many communities in rural Alaska don't have the cash resources to contribute the sponsor match of 3.125% of major airport construction projects, and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Denali Commission is "To promote rural development";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission will continue the Airport Assistance Program for one final year, 2003, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission allocates up to \$250,000 for airport projects in Kwigillingok, Nenana, Quinhagak, and Venetie and directs the communities to provide half of the 3.125% sponsor match; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any funds from this allocation remaining by August 1, 2003 be re-allocated to the Energy Program.

## CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Denali Commission is comprised of seven members (or their duly appointed alternate), of whom six, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 30th day of April, 2003, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of seven members (Commissioner Kitka's proxy vote by Commissioner Staser), and opposed by 0 members, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2003

SIGNED:

Jeff Staser, Federal Co-Chair Loren Leman, State Co-Chair